

HONORABLE JUDGE ROBERT A. LANGE
 8TH CIRCUIT COURTS DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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 PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501

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DEAR JUDGE ROBERT A. LANGE

I'M WRITING THIS LETTER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS IN THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM. TODAY, ON OUR E-MAIL, THE WARDEN E-MAILED THAT SOME OF THE INMATES WILL BE RELEASED TO HOME CONFINEMENT, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, IT HADN'T HIT HERE AT MCFP SPRINGFIELD AS OF YET, BUT HAS HIT OTHER FEDERAL PRISONS. BECAUSE OF THE OVER-CROWDING AND UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS OF INMATES, THE RELEASE OF SOME INMATES IS GOING TO BE A SMALL AMOUNT, AT THIS TIME, WILL BE CONTACTED.

ON THE FIRST OF APRIL 1ST 2020 THIS UNIT AT MCFP SPRINGFIELD IS ON A PRECAUTION MEDICAL LOCKDOWN FOR 14 DAYS SO WE ARE TO STAY ON OUR UNIT, WITH NO MOVEMENTS OR PROGRAMS OR SICK CALL OR 1-2 CLINICS, AND EAT OUR MEALS ON OUR UNITS. WE ARE OVER CROWDED AND UNDER-STAFFED AS IS. MANY INMATES ARE WORRIED FOR THEMSELVES AND FAMILIES AT HOME.

THE BOP ALLOWED US MORE CALLING TIME TO CALL OUR FAMILIES TO CHECK ON OUR ELDERLY. AS OF TODAY'S MEMO, MORE CALLING MINUTES AND TRYING TO GET INMATES FREE CALLS TO CALL HOME OR LOVED ONES, TO SEE HOW THEY ARE DOING. I WAS JUST ON THE PHONE, WHEN I RAN OUT OF CALLING TIME, TIL MY RENEWAL DAY, THEN MY CALLING TIME WENT BACK UP TO 30 MINUTES AGAIN.

AT THE TIME MY MINUTES RAN-OUT, MY MOTHER WAS SAYING SHE WAS SICK WITH CHEST-CONGESTION BUT NO FEVER, BUT STAYING WARM, THE TRIBE HELPED OUT ELDERLY, WITH PROPANE, AND IF SHE GOT ANY SICKER, SHE WAS GOING TO THE HOSPITAL, THEN WE GOT CUT OFF, SO NOW I AM REALLY WORRIED ABOUT HER. I KNOW YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP ME IF YOU WANT, AND I'M ASKING YOU TO HAVE MERCY ON ME TO SEE IF I CAN BE RELEASED ON HOME-CONFINEMENT, I GOT A FEW PLACES I CAN GO, MY AUNT'S PLACE IN RAPID CITY SD, SHE'S THE ONE TAKING CARE OF MY HANDICAPPED SISTER STACY TOY YB, OR MANDAREE NORTH DAKOTA, MY AUNT JANN'S PLACE, OUT IN THE COUNTRY, OR MY MOTHER'S PLACE IN EXETER ND, SD OR MANDAN/BISMARCK, MY LANDLORD IS A BREACHER WHO SAYS WILL HELP ME WHEN I GET OUT, OR IN PIERRE SD, I CAN RENT A PLACE THERE IN PIERRE. IN ALL PLACES, THERE'S A DIALYSIS UNIT I'VE DONE DIALYSIS AT BEFORE.

IF GIVEN THE CHANCE I WILL PROVE I CAN STAY OUT OF TROUBLE AND FOLLOW THE RULES AND CONDITIONS SET FOR ME, I FEEL I'M GOING TO BE OKAY WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE WITH MY GRANDCHILDREN, CHILDREN & FAMILY WHICH IS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR ME ALONG WITH THE LORD JESUS TO LEAD ME IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

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I KNOW IM NOT A BAD PERSON, I JUST MADE A FEW BAD DECISIONS IN MY LIFE. I KNOW NOW, ITS AFFECTED MY FAMILY + COMMUNITY AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO HELP MYSELF AND WHOEVER I CAN, TO BETTER THEMSELVES, THANK JESUS CHRIST, PRINCE OF PEACE.

I'VE BEEN IN CARCER SINCE DECEMBER OF 2018, AND ENCOUNTERED MANY PEOPLE AT THIS TIME, WHO HAD IT WORSE THAN I HAVE IT BUT DON'T CARE FOR THEMSELVES OR WHERE THEY ARE GOING, WELL I CARE FOR MYSELF AND WORRIES WHAT THE FUTURE HOLD FOR ME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND GOD BLESS YOU.

Respectfully Sincerely,

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